

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.3: Workplace relations services

Question Number: W674-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Work Choices Implementation Agencies – Employer Adviser Programme What has been the total cost of this program to date? What breakdown of costs can be provided – by organisation, by state?

Answer:

The total value of contracts for the Employer Advisor Programme (EAP) \$16.95 million for contracts.

- There were 17 Providers delivering contracts in phase 1 of the EAP. Total contract costs for phase 1 were: \$7.67 million. Phase 1 ended at 30 June 2006.
- There are 34 Providers participating in phase 2 of the EAP which ends on 31 December 2006. To date, the total value of contracts for Phase 2 is \$9.28 million.

A breakdown of costs by organisation is presently commercial in confidence because of commercial negotiations which can continue during the period of programme delivery.

To provide the requested breakdown of costs by State would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

In relation to programme administrative costs, the Commonwealth's outcome and output based budgeting and reporting framework does not require agencies to report below the output level. In addition, in line with this framework resources are managed at the output level.